GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:29
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
GAS LINE FROM GOPALPUR TO ALLAHABAD
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that on 20th September 2000 a meeting was arranged by West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) in the presence of G.M. of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. (H.F.C.L.), Durgapur unit and the representatives of VAVASI Oil and Gas Private Ltd., India;

(b) if so, whether Al Manhal International Company, UAE was persuaded by the Government of West Bengal to reroute their proposed gas line from Gopalpur to Allahabad via Durgapur;

(c) if so, the details of the ultimate requirement of Durgapur unit of H.F.C.L.;

(d) whether MoU is propsed to be signed with the AMIG-VAVASI and WBIDC in the near future, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a): A meeting was organised by West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) on 20th September 2000 at the request of Vavasi Oil and Gas Pvt. Ltd. India, with potential gas users including HFCL, Durgapur.

(b): Vavasi Oil & Gas Pvt. Ltd. made a presentation during the meeting of their plans whereinit was indicated that a rerouting of the proposed gas line from Gopalpur to Allahabad, via West Bengal, was feasible provided certain commercial requirements were fulfilled.

(c): The matter was not discussed in concrete terms.

(d) & (e): Since Vavasi Gas Oil and Pvt. Ltd. have submitted a draft MoU to WBIDC, anyfurther action on the same is to be taken by the State Government of West Bengal